

Bobby Is Rewriting History With New Invasion Story

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Who is trying to kid whom in Washington these days?

In the current issue of U. S. News & World Report magazine, U. S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy states in a copyrighted interview that the United States never promised any air support for the Cuban Bay of Pigs invasion.

Apparently, 21 months after the Cuban freedom fighters swarmed ashore at Playa Giron and discovered too late they were alone and stranded, the Kennedy Administration is determined to rewrite its history to suit itself.

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Many courageous members of the brigade, top officials of the Cuban Revolutionary Council — in whose name the invasion was launched — fliers in the Cuban exile air force and a fairly sizeable number of U. S. officials involved in the planning and training phase of the invasion, share a completely different recollection of the events and pledges leading up to the Bay of Pigs on April 17, 1961.

In the rewriting of his-



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tory the Kennedy Administration spokesmen, such as the brother of the President, seem to forget that all these people exist and have vivid memories of their abandonment at the last hour on Playa Giron.

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Inasmuch as Attorney General Kennedy has taken at least two of the brigade leaders — Manuel Arttime and Jose A. Perez San Roman — under his wing with promises of help in the future, it is not too surprising that they have shown a willingness to go along quietly with the New Frontier alterations on what transpired during the sudden death of the invasion.

But judging from the increasing rumbles among the brigade's rank-and-file, future leadership of the brigade by Arttime and San Roman now is very much in

question. There is much talk among the loyal freedom fighters that they have been "sold down the river."

There also is new bitterness being directed at the Revolutionary Council, which has been openly backed by the Kennedy Administration, for allowing the attorney general's "no promised support" statements to go unchallenged.

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It is pointed out by embittered Cuban exiles and U. S. officials alike that if both the New Frontier and the Revolutionary Council really knew at the time the invasion was launched that there would be no support for the relatively small landing force, why then did the U. S. and the Council dump the invaders on the beach in the first place?

Also, in view of Robert Kennedy's statements, if no U. S. support were planned, why did the U. S. have two carriers sitting off shore with jet fighters ready to take to the air? Why did U. S. Navy "frogmen" participate in pre-landing operations? Why were the liberated prisoners briefed on last month's freedom airlift to say nothing of the U. S. role in the tragic invasion? Why?

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